

# FACILITY DEVELOPMENT – CONGREGATIONAL FEEDBACK

## Sanctuary Expansion

Expand the Sanctuary to 600 seats based on 5 year growth projections, doubling the current seating capacity of the sanctuary. This assumes a Sunday attendance of 900 split between the two major services within the Sanctuary. The direction of expansion will be a design consideration intended to enhance the beauty and functionality of the Sanctuary.

- Expanded chancel area to handle larger choirs and services with improved access from the front.
- Modern A/V system linked to the Chapel **and narthex/connector areas** for overflow.
- Larger Prep room for music and ministerial access to the Chancel.
- Access to music storage area.
- Improve the HVAC for the Sanctuary.
- Improved access to Restrooms.
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## Entry/Narthex

The opening up of the current Narthex / Connector as outlined in the Living Stones report.

- A Welcome center will be extremely valuable on Sunday morning - we are known for our visiting friendliness between and after each service.
- It will be meeting/ gathering spaces for all groups of the church. The recent Women's Retreat is a good example of how valuable this would have been.
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### **Activity center**

A Gym like room designed to facilitate physical type worship activities enabling year round physical activities that can't be done outside during the winter. It can also be used for a contemporary worship service. It should also enable simultaneous activities. It should include some or all of the following:

- Stage to facilitate presentations, plays or worship services. This is necessary to get the presenter above the audience.
- Good AV system
- It needs to be large enough to support big activities, (only building another Harper Hall size room is not worth the effort).
- A larger modern kitchen nearby for banquet events.
- Improved restrooms and showers.
- "Buffer zones" which might be a hallway to keep sound from one activity impacting another.
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**Youth facility** - A large area that is connected to the church that the youth can call their own, but that is still part of the church family setting. It should feel like their place but not truly exclusively theirs - can be used for other things when needed.

- Decorated for the youth and able to sub-divide for their activities
- Able to have some physical activities – e.g. ping pong
- Should be connected to the church to facilitate use of the rest of the building and so that the youth recognize they are part of the church family and so that the rest of the church knows they are part of the church family.
- Easy access to the gym and the shower facilities.
- A separate entrance for the youth would be nice.
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**Meeting/Class/Storage rooms:** These are required to handle the growing membership and to enable concurrent events.

- An assortment of meeting rooms to accommodate groups from 10-15, 20-40, up to 100-150. Recommend one large class room able to handle up to 150 people and able to be sub-divided into 3 separate rooms.
- All rooms should be AV capable.
- Storage rooms - some might be dedicated and some shared. High priority for all groups. Estimate is that we need 5 small to medium or one large divided storage area.
- A lounge like room with casual furniture like sofa's to enable adult meetings and individual relaxation. A fireplace would be nice.
- Larger class rooms for youth and young adults to handle growth.
- The possibility of moving pre-school to new rooms in the facility due to loss of play ground, nearness to the gym and frees up the education wing for offices.
- Rooms dedicated to a specific activity - craft room.
- Lounge setup for weddings and funerals - near sanctuary.
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**Modern Offices** – establish a modern office complex/arrangement to facilitate the expanded staff in support of the new ministry programs.

- Controlled office environment improving security and providing improved privacy for confidential meetings.
- Improved work areas and staff meeting room.
- Improved technology capabilities.
- Located near the main day-to-day entrance with all offices in sufficiently close proximity to provide ease of communication.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Review and modernize existing HVAC system.
- How the current building is redesigned and expanded, based on the design guidance above, will determine the overall land use plan and how the Manse and Seven Gables properties will be used.